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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of August 17, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the following Remarks.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claims 1 and 9, and claims 2-8 and 10-19 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed, or suggested, by newly cited Wellner (EP 0 697 793), either taken alone or in view of the Examiner's Official Notice, for at least the following reasons.

Pending independent claims 1 and 9 clearly recite that the sensor is contained in the video player body and is also positioned in the body to allow sensing to be performed. This built-in arrangement of the sensor into the video player of the claimed invention has been extensively discussed in the Applicant's Replies to the previous Office Actions issued in the present application, and has been clearly deemed by the Examiner as distinguishing over the Examiner's purported arrangements of the cited art of record, in which an image scanner is arranged as a separate unit to a video player.

Similar to these arrangements of the cited art of record, Wellner discloses hand-held scanners or pens (11) which are connected to a user interface unit 15 (set-top box) through a cable, wire pair, infra-red link or radio link 12 (see col. 2, line 42-48, col. 3, lines 6-9 and Figs. 1, 2 and 4 of Wellner).

Thus, as with the arrangements of the cited art of record, the arrangement recited by pending independent claims 1 and 9, and claims 2-8 and 10-19 dependent therefrom, is clearly distinguished over Wellner, whether taken alone or in combination with the Official Notice taken by the Examiner in the current Office Action which is unrelated to the arrangement of the sensor and video player.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's citation of Wellner amounts to nothing more than a mere cumulation of rejections and multiplication of references, which the Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner should be avoided as per MPEP §§706.01 and 904.03.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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